

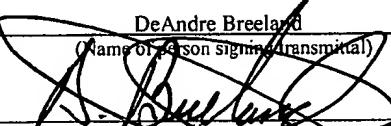
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Yasushi Fujinami  
Serial No. : 09/920,104  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD AS WELL AS RECORDING  
MEDIUM  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 18, 2006, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 19, 2007, (March 18, 2007  
being a Sunday) please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.